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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

Word and Work: The Word

THE Unitarian "word" and the Unitarian "work." This constitutes the two-fold character of our denominational life. It is to our *word* and to our *work* that the churches of the Unitarian body are to address themselves during the year of activity beginning September 1st.

The *word* of Unitarianism is mainly committed to our ministers. That word has an honorable record. The names of many of the great preachers of the nineteenth century in this country are associated with it. In spite of their own and the protests of others many preachers not identified with our fellowship have frequently sustained the charge of preaching Unitarianism. Phillips Brooks was, more than once, charged by the dogmatic sort in his own church with being "nothing but a Unitarian." Unitarianism has often been called "a habit of thought"—the habit, that is, which seeks truth and reality without regard to canonical authority. "Truth for authority, not authority for truth," has been its sign in the realm of religious thought. And when preachers in other fellowships have given evidence that they had forgotten, or that they ignored the historic authorities upon which their orthodoxy was established, the world at large has recognized the very genius of our body by calling them Unitarians. This is our tradition. It is the distinguishing feature which marks our apostolic succession.

BUT every year should record some fine accessions to our Unitarian word. Our gospel is not a closed book. If one examines the long list of about three hundred and fifty free tracts published by the American Unitarian Association, he will notice that there is a change of emphasis from year to year; and often, even, a new adjustment of religion to the needs of a given period. For instance, there was the Theory of Evolution which invaded the pulpit a half century ago. With what restlessness and apprehension that doctrine was viewed! At first some of our most eminent scholars refused to believe that the human race had not descended from a higher type. They could not bring themselves to believe that the race had toiled up all the way from the Ascidian mollusk. But, in the main, this scientific revelation was studied valiantly by Unitarian ministers and illuminated by their own exuberant idealism and sanctified by their spiritual earnestness. The names of Chadwick and Savage and Bixby and Kimball and many others will be

remembered for the heroic work they did to bring about the reconciliation of science and religion. It seems like a dream that came in a single night, so complete and convincing was the work they did. The emphasis to-day is laid elsewhere in the Unitarian pulpit. The great question of social and industrial regeneration is upon us. And the Unitarian pulpit must bear its share in the work of interpretation.

IN what respect shall the Unitarian word for 1913-14 be different from that of the period just closed among thoughtful men and women? Whatever it may be we may decide that, on the whole, it will be the word of "sweet reasonableness." It will not be an embittered and recalcitrant gospel. Nor will it be orthodox in the sense of being committed to any one-man's solution of the social problem. There will be some Unitarian ministers who will insist that the individual exists only for and by the sufferance of society. There will be others who, with equal insistence, will believe with John Fiske, who said, "Yet the individual does not exist for the sake of society, as the positivists would have us believe, but society exists for the individual. And the test of complete social life is the opportunity which it affords for complete individual life." That is, some ministers will say that the *hen* and some that the *egg* is first.

AND, in the meantime, there are the pews. It has happened before now that Unitarian ministers have overlooked the fact that there are pews. The pews (perhaps all too literally) do the listening. They provide the churches and the pulpits. They pay the ministers' salaries. They gratuitously attend to many of the details of the church enterprise. And all this is done for the sake of what the minister can say to them on Sunday and what he can lead them to do on week days. They desire interpretations of human experience, they expect illumination on the times, they crave from the pulpit a renewed power of individual resistance against the outward and inward enemies of their moral and spiritual natures. Their conversation is largely free from philosophic technicalities. They have little time to consider science in its academic aspects. They cannot be fed by dissertations upon the various phases of social evolution. They need and ought to have straightforward and picturesque lessons that deal with the issues of daily experience—with its patient heroisms, its pathetic martyrdoms, its moral victories, and its limitless outlook.

The majority of our Unitarian ministers fully realize all this and will see to it that along with their discussions of social changes John Smith and Sarah Holbrook shall receive a Unitarian *word* that bears some relation to putting up stovepipes and washing dishes and attaining heaven here and hereafter.

BUT little profit will follow the utterance of any Unitarian *word,* however sane and well expressed, if the pulpit and the pews are out of harmony. Little can be accomplished where the minister assumes the attitude of a stubborn Jeremiah. "You must hear what I have to say whether you like it or not," does very well for a minister on those rare dramatic occasions when some specific cause needs a timely proclamation. At such times the pews will appreciate and applaud such an attitude. No congregation wants a putty minister. But occasions of this kind are

rare, and the minister who assumes that every Sunday offers him a setting for moral martyrdom will soon learn that the martyrdom is rather in the pews than in the pulpit. And the pews are generally so averse to martyrdom that they will remain empty rather than suffer it.

THERE has never been a more vital, a more broadening, or a more inspiring or sympathetic gospel for people of average intelligence to offer. Read Clarke, Chadwick, Herford, Cuckson, and you will see that while they grappled with the "problems" of their day, they entered into the deep and silent places of the average individual experience. There they carried light and warmth and comfort. They caused the people to see the wonder of life, and they opened an outlook for those who were in danger of precipitating about themselves a shell of inertia and discouragement. And this gospel needs but two conditions to make it influential and effective. It requires a recognition of mutual rights on the part of the pulpit and the pews. The minister should understand that he must at least be a gentleman whether in or out of the pulpit, that the congregation has something to say and a good deal to do about running the church. He is free and can preach what he pleases if he pleases to do unto others as he would have others do unto him. The minister who speaks and acts in a manner that he would not tolerate in another cannot be a good sponsor for the kingdom of God. And, secondly, the pews must understand that there were little excuse for any pulpit at all, except it contain a preacher of force and independence as well as of sympathy. There must be an unfeigned friendship between the two and a desire, as among the members of a family, for each other's happiness and success. A mutual frankness which abhors backbiting and clandestine thoughts and deeds is the one guaranty of efficiency and growth on the part of these two principals in church life.

A word about *"Work"* of Unitarianism in editorial of the next issue.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

The following quotations are taken from interesting letters recently received at headquarters. It is our belief that all readers of WORD AND WORK will have a sympathetic interest in the experience of those who are finding their way from the uncertainties of religious conviction and belief into the light of larger views.

"I am much pleased with the books I have recently ordered through you. 'The Origin and Character of the Bible' is a revelation to me, and it has made me a stronger Unitarian than I have ever been. I think I now have an intelligent conception of God. I now try to serve and worship the God of love and mercy. I have more reverence and admiration for the man Jesus than ever before, and I feel a deeper sympathy for all mankind. I enclose herewith one dollar as a modest contribution to the cause, in response to your recent circular letter addressed to Associate Members."

H. T. L.

Lexington, Ky.

"Your letter of August 6th is again before me. I have read the pamphlets sent with a keen interest, and it all appeals to my reason and best judgment. I apprehend now why more people are not Unitarians. They do not know what Unitarianism stands for. Kindly send me the pamphlets noted on the attached slip. Enclosed is membership card and membership fee."

A. J. G.

Orleans, Neb.

"For years I have been preaching against the old pagan teaching of hell fire and eternal punishment, for which large numbers of my colleagues look upon me as a heretic. But my heart repels the thought of a God who delights in chastising eternally his disobedient children. My soul refuses to believe that our eternal father is a Moloch."

J. McC.

Cuba.

"I received and have read the pamphlets that you so kindly forwarded to me a short time ago. The arguments presented seem to me unanswerable. The pamphlets made a favorable impression on my mind. I have never as yet applied for fellowship in any church. The reason is simple and easily explained; namely, I could not conscientiously subscribe to their creed. A man who attains membership in any church and at the same time disbelieves in its creed is, to my mind, a hypocrite. I have always assisted any religious denomination in the promotion of any praiseworthy project. I am a poor man from the financial standpoint, but nevertheless I believe in assisting in the promotion of any good cause, whether political, social, or religious."

S. A. P.

Renovo, Pa.

"I received great pleasure and comfort from the sermons sent me, but the greater pleasure is the fact that these sermons which I have sent to my sons have aroused a great interest in their hearts, and they write: 'They are simply fine, just what I always believed. Do send me more, if you have them.' They live in a new country adjoining us, near the county seat. Most of the people are Baptists and Methodists. Their faith is all right, if they can believe in it. My boys, like myself, cannot accept it. We have also many friends who are pleased with our faith, and I am quite sure after a time our number will greatly increase."

L. B.

Marlow, Okla.

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Ministerial Personals.

Rev. Abbot Peterson has resigned at Lancaster, Mass., to accept an invitation to be the Associate Minister at the First Parish in Brookline.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon has resigned at Toronto, Canada, to take up the work of a Professor at the Meadville Theological School.

Rev. C. E. Tomlin has resigned at Warwick, Mass., to accept a call to Westboro, Mass.

Rev. H. E. Latham has resigned at Farmington, Maine, to accept a call to Medfield, Mass.

Rev. R. F. Tischer has resigned at Quincy, Ill., to accept a call to Salem, Oregon.

Rev. G. W. Henning has resigned at Santa Rosa, Calif.

Rev. W. S. Key has withdrawn from the service of the North Carolina Circuit to accept a responsible post in connection with the Agricultural Promotion work under the State Government.

Rev. C. T. S. Bullock has resigned at New London, Conn., and Rev. L. Huseby at Elizabeth, N. J.

Rev. John Malick, who was several years ago minister at Great Falls, Montana, but who has recently been practicing law in Kansas City, has reentered the Unitarian ministry and has accepted a call to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. Manfred Lilliefors, who resigned last March from Omaha, Neb., has accepted a call to the church at Great Falls, Montana.

Billings Lectures

Rev. W. C. Bowie, Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, who was appointed Billings Lecturer to visit the Unitarian churches in Canada on behalf of his own Association and of the American Unitarian Association, reached this country the end of August and proceeded West early in September. His Sunday appointments in Canada are as follows:

September 14th, Vancouver, B. C.
September 21st, Victoria, B. C.
September 28th, Calgary, Alberta.
October 5th, Edmonton, Alberta.
October 12th, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.
October 19th, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
October 26th, Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario.
November 2nd, Ottawa.
November 9th, Montreal.

At Vancouver and Winnipeg Mr. Bowie will take part in the dedication of the new churches.

Rev. Prof. Francis G. Peabody spent last spring in Japan as Billings Lecturer, representing the American Unitarian Association. He returned to this country about July first, having had a most successful visit in Japan, where he addressed a large number of public meetings, the total attendance of which aggregated some 13,000 persons.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland started in August on a trip around the world. He will spend about a month in Japan, a shorter time in China, and at least

two months in India. In these countries he will represent the American Unitarian Association, from whom he receives the appointment as lecturer on the Billings Foundation. Dr. Sunderland spent a year in India in 1895-6 and has ever since kept very close in touch with members of the Brahmo Somaj, and has long desired to revisit the Orient. The Association is fortunate in having such a representative in the far East. Dr. Sunderland expects to return to this country about the end of February.

Buildings

Three new church buildings are to be dedicated this month.

The church at Summit, N. J., is a charming Georgian building, built in excellent taste and representative of our traditions and spirit.

The new society in Vancouver, B. C., has dedicated a modest chapel which will give the Society a firm foothold in the city.

The Society in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has this summer succeeded in realizing its long-deferred hopes of a church home, and will enter into possession of a convenient and adequate building.

The Second Church in Boston has accepted designs for a beautiful new church to be built during the coming winter on Audubon Circle.

The Society in Dayton, Ohio, for which the Association purchased a lot during the summer, has accepted its plans, and work is soon to begin on the new building. It will not be possible to construct the entire building, but the church will be built, leaving the parish house until later.

The Society in Montclair, N. J., is completing the reconstruction and enlargement of its church, which has been materially lengthened so as to provide for the steadily increasing congregations.

Plans have been prepared for the new churches at Atlanta, Ga., and Wheeling, W. Va.

At Albany, N. Y., at Gloucester, Mass., at Augusta, Maine, and at Pembroke, Mass., complete renovations of the interior of the churches has been accomplished during the summer, and a similar restoration is now going on in the old meeting house at Deerfield, Mass.

A new organ has been installed in the church at Richmond, Va.

New parsonages are building at Wichita, Kansas, and Virginia, Minn., and a new parish house has been started at Ann Arbor, Mich.

A contract has just been let for the repairs at Channing Chapel, at Winter Harbor, Maine.

Department of Foreign Relations

The secretary of this department has been absent in Europe for two months past attending to his duties as organizer of the Sixth Congress of the International Council of Free Christians and Other Religious Liberals, held in Paris, July 16th to 22nd. The meetings were well attended and successful. Many eminent speakers were heard on important topics. Some twenty-five nations were represented and twice that number of religious fellowships. A notable accession was the delegate sent by the Liberal Churchmen's Union of Great Britain, representing the progressive element in the Church of England. Some two hundred Americans, mostly Unitarians, were in attendance at the Congress. The excursions conducted by this Department numbered 140 persons and were much enjoyed. The secretary has written for the "Christian Register" a full account of the

Paris meetings, and is also engaged on the English Report, soon to appear. The next meeting will be held in London, 1916.

Our Italian fellow-worker, Rev. Gaetano Conte, took part in the Paris Congress. He brought with him other delegates from the Italian Society of Free Believers, and ten essays on religious topics, contributed by ten prominent professors and scholars of Italy, to the meetings.

Rev. R. Walbaum, the Unitarian preacher at Worms and Alzey in Rhine Hessia, made a fine impression by his manly appeal at the Paris meetings for sincerity, consistency and courage on the part of the liberal clergy and laity in Germany.

Rev. Antony Toplisky of Bulgaria was also able, through the kindness of American friends, to come to Paris. The meeting with his fellow-Unitarians meant a great deal to this lonely worker for our cause on the frontiers of civilization.

Rev. Clay MacCauley continues to write most encouragingly of the Unitarian Mission in Japan. Never has this undertaking been so widely influential as now. The recent visit of Prof. F. G. Peabody, D. D., to Japan as Billings lecturer was of great advantage to our cause in that country. The high estimation in which he is held, his able addresses and tact and courtesy all contributed to this end.

Mr. MacCauley has just published an important book on which he has been engaged for years past: "The Faith of the Incarnation." It is a learned and able delineation of the development of Christianity through the ages, its past, present and future. This book of 430 pages was handsomely printed in Tokio by Japanese typographers. It has received a surprisingly extended and most favorable notice in the reviews and journals of the Orient, despite its conclusion that the Unitarian form of Christianity is to be the ultimate Christian faith. It is to be hoped that the work may be issued in this country also. Not the least among the fruits of our Unitarian Mission in Japan is this scholarly book by our representative in the Land of the Rising Sun.

The National Conference of Unitarian Churches at Buffalo has for the first time in its history set apart a session on Thursday, P. M., Oct. 9th, for the consideration of our Unitarian missionary work in foreign fields. Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Prof. F. G. Peabody, Rev. Minot Simons and Dr. C. W. Wendte will be the speakers. The meeting cannot fail to mark an advance in our missionary service abroad.

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association a communication was received from certain Post Office Mission workers connected with the Women's Alliance, asking for the publication of literature in the Italian language for circulation among the immigrants now arriving in such large numbers from Italy.

It was thought best for the Board to make an appropriation for the purchase of the tracts on Unitarianism and kindred beliefs issued by Rev. Gaetano Conte in connection with his work in Italy. A number of these publications have now been received and are at the disposal of Post Office Mission workers. They will be distributed without expense to any who may apply for them. Among these pamphlets are the following:

"Mazzini and the Future Synthesis of Religion," by Prof. A. Crespi.

"The Religious Beliefs of Mazzini," by Prof. Della Seta.

"Unitarians and Their History," a

translation of Dr. Brooke Herford's tract.

"The God We Adore," by M. J. Savage.

"The Infallibility of the Bible," by J. T. Sunderland.

"The True Basis of Religious Unity " by C .W. Wendte.

"Our Italian Reformers":

Bernardino Ochino, by Prof. Bonet-Maury.

Faustus Socinus, by C. W. Wendte.

"The Evolution of the World," by J. T. Sunderland, also a number of circulars containing information concerning the Association of Free Believers in Italy.

Undoubtedly these tracts will be found of interest to inquiring minds among the Italian people, and the Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association will be pleased to receive limited orders for them.

Department of Religious Education

The Summer Institutes for Religious Education, held during the past summer, have been more largely attended and in every way more successful than in any previous year. The work of these institutes is cumulative, in that they are training groups of people with increasing ability to profit by the instruction given. The purpose is to set the standard a little higher each year. It has been suggested that, beginning with next year, advanced classes be formed, composed of those who by previous attendance or other training are fitted to undertake more thorough work. The pity of it is that so many of our teachers who might attend one or other of these institutes seem not to have felt the need of such instruction and inspiration as these gatherings offer. Perhaps it is equally to be regretted that so many of our churches have not yet caught the idea that their teachers, on the one hand, deserve recognition that complimentary membership in such an institute would give to their faithful service, and, on the other hand, need precisely such help in order to do their work in adequate fashion.

The latest publications of this Department are a Promotion Certificate and an Enrolment Card for use in our Sunday schools. The Promotion Certificate is in the form of a small diploma, 6½x8½ inches in size. It is designed to be given to pupils who are promoted from one department to another, or from one grade in the school to the next higher grade. The Enrolment Card—3¾x5 inches—may be given to new pupils entering the school to show their classification, or to all the members of any school in which some system of grading is desired. By use of the cards, even a small school in which members of two or three grades must be kept in one class, may be following a graded course in which each pupil knows his place and can receive promotion to the next grade at the close of the year's work. These certificates and cards may be secured at 25 Beacon Street, or at Unitarian Headquarters in New York, Chicago or San Francisco. The price of the certificates is 2 cents each, 20 cents per dozen, $1.50 per hundred. The cards are 1 cent each, 10 cents per dozen, 75 cents per hundred.

These two helps will provide a means by which the task of grading a school and giving recognition to the work done by pupils may be readily accomplished. Others may easily secure the result reported this month from one of our schools numbering two hundred and seventy-five pupils. The superintendent writes: "Our

Sunday school has opened the year auspiciously. We have completed the promotion of pupils, and for the first time in our history this has been done without tears. The pupils now seem to look upon the change from teacher to teacher as natural."

Many inquiries reach the Department of Religious Education regarding books on the art of teaching and that lead to a better understanding of the nature and minds of children. These inquiries are welcomed not only because they furnish vital points of contact between the staff and those who are engaged in this great work, but because they indicate a growing desire to do that work not only lovingly but wisely. The easiest way to answer such inquiries would be to prepare a bulletin on books for teachers; and such a bulletin may yet be issued. There are so many books, however, and of so wide a range, both of subject matter and of wisdom, and others are appearing so frequently, that such a bulletin would be difficult to prepare and would need constant additions. The Lending Library, at headquarters in Boston, publishes a list of what books it has on this subject. The list can be had by anyone asking for it, and the books may be borrowed with no cost save for return postage. It would be well if all teachers and parents should consult such a list and read whatever books promised to be of most value. The officers of the Department of Religious Education will be glad to guide a wise selection and invite all interested to write to them or call at the office for consultation.

The Sunday School Society is to give a good account of itself at the General Conference at Buffalo. In accordance with established custom, the President of the Society, Rev. William I. Lawrance, will present his report on Tuesday morning. On Thursday afternoon the Autumn Meeting of the Sunday School Society will be held in the Unitarian church. An address will be given by Mr. Emerson P. Harris, of Montclair, N. J., on "The Possibilities of the Conversation Class." Prof. Soares of the University of Chicago will speak on "Graded Education in Altruism," and Rev. William Sullivan, of All Souls' Church, New York City, will speak on "The Ethical Element in Sunday-School Teaching."

Women Students in Boston

An important announcement is made by the King's Chapel Alliance in Boston, in connection with student work in that city. Last winter a number of Boston churches co-operated in an effort to be of more effective service to Unitarian young men and women coming from a distance to study in some one of the many institutions of learning located in or near Boston. The work thus inaugurated met with a gratifying measure of success, but those in charge hope to make it still more effective during the coming winter. The King's Chapel Branch has secured the services, as parish assistant, of Miss Ruth Lawrence, a graduate of Smith College, 1912, and she will devote all her time to working with and for Unitarian young women coming from a distance to Boston, as students, or in search of employment. Miss Lawrence was president of Smith College Unitarian Club while in Northampton, and is well qualified for her new position. The parents or friends of Unitarian young women intending to come to Boston this winter are cordially invited to communicate in advance with Miss Lawrence. at 102 Chestnut St., Boston.

Summer Meetings

During the past summer the experiment was tried of putting a District Superintendent in charge of the work about Frenchman's Bay, Maine. Rev. A. H. Coar of Holyoke, who was for a number of years minister at Ellsworth, Maine, took charge of the arrangements for the summer preaching stations about Frenchman's Bay during the months of July and August. Complete preaching schedules were arranged for Ellsworth, Sullivan, West Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor, Prospect Harbor, Bar Harbor, Lamoine. Mr. Coar also visited each community, with the result that the services held in these churches were much more largely attended than for a number of years past.

The twenty-second annual session of the Hancock County Conference was held on July 29th at Channing Chapel, Winter Harbor, Maine. The weather conditions somewhat interfered with the success of the Conference, a very heavy fog cutting down the attendance from across the Bay. Nevertheless, the Chapel was well filled at both morning and afternoon sessions, the addresses were of a high order, and a new spirit of interest and enthusiasm was manifest. The most important discussion of the Conference related to the further development of the work in Hancock County. The work done by the District Superintendent, Rev. A. H. Coar, was cordially commended and the American Unitarian Association was urged, if possible, to appoint a suitable representative to fill the position permanently.

Department of Social and Public Service

Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, whose visits to a number of churches last winter under the auspices of this Department aroused so much interest in social service, has kindly arranged to give a few lectures during the month of October. At this time the number will be quite limited and her dates have already been arranged. It is hoped, however, that later in the season she may be able to give us another period of her time. Mrs. Spencer's method is to address a public meeting, speaking on the general subject of "The Church and Social Service," and then immediately afterward to meet a group of specially interested people to discuss forms of work which the church might well undertake. If there is a social service committee in the church, this after conference is with its members. If there is none, then the conference is with a number of men and women who are the leaders in church enterprise. The universal testimony has been that the social conscience of the churches has been greatly stimulated by Mrs. Spencer's visits. While at this time it is not possible to say definitely that she will be able to make further engagements later in the season, yet if there are any churches which would like to receive a visit from her, the Secretary will be glad to have their names, and, if opportunity offers, their applications will receive the first attention.

Plans are under way for another social service conference like that of last year, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th. The program will be announced in due season. Meanwhile all who are interested are asked to keep these dates free from other engagements.

The October issue of the Social Service Bulletin is by Mrs. Joseph Allen of White Plains, N. Y., on the subject, "Both Sides of the Servant Question." This is one of the social problems which comes close home to a great number of American house-

holds. None is more complex or harder to solve. The supply of domestic workers is far less than the demand. Mistresses are too often unreasonable and unfair, maids are too often incompetent and unreliable, and there is constant friction between them. In other lines of industry the relations between employer and employed have been established on a business basis. In ordinary households it is almost impossible to adjust them in this way. The relations are too close and intimate; the life of the home is necessarily too irregular to be subjected to hard and fast rules. There is need for the greatest kindness and consideration on both sides. Where they exist, the relation of mistress and maid is very much more than that of employer and employed. Where they do not exist, there is bad feeling and frequent changing. The difficulties involved can only be removed by the intelligence and good will of the principals concerned. The first step toward readjustment is a thorough understanding of the question. In this Bulletin Mrs. Allen has stated both sides clearly and impartially, and has also pointed out the way in which improvement must come. She offers a practical and reasonable solution of the problem, which ought to be closely studied with an open mind by both mistresses and maids. It is a Bulletin which will appeal especially to the Alliances and women's clubs. Published for free distribution at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Tuckerman School

The catalogue of the Tuckerman School, which is now being sent out, describes the purpose and methods of the school and the various courses of study which are offered. These are of interest to the regular students and to those who are not enrolled for continuous study. The Social Welfare programme on Thursday mornings begins with a series of lectures by Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, on "Problems in Modern Democracy." These lectures are specially designed to help those who are trying to understand what the church may and should do in Social Service. The subjects and dates follow:

October 9: "The Submerged Tenth: How Can Society Care for Them?" (Illustrated by charts showing defectives, insane, criminal, etc., and proper forms of social control and custodial care.)

October 16: "The Struggling One-Half: How Can Society Help Them?" (Charts showing wages, housing, work-conditions, municipal housekeeping, school conditions and forms of insurance.)

October 23: "The Successful One-Quarter: How Can Society Use Them?" (Charts showing labor opportunities, conservation of natural resources, value of laws limiting monopoly, land reform, etc.)

October 30: "Social Leadership: How Can Society Heed and Follow It?"

Saturday mornings are devoted to various Sunday School subjects. During the first term, Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck will lecture at ten o'clock, the general subject being, "The Spirit and Methods of Teaching," with the following specific subjects:

October 11, "The Submerged Nine-Tenths of Life;" October 18, "Processes of Mental Ripening;" Oct. 25, "The Letter and the Spirit of Teaching;" November 1, "How Can Wisdom Be Taught?"; November 8, "Correlation and Character;" November 15, "Habits of Feeling, and Personality;" November 22, "Methods of the Recitation;" December 6, "Religion and Citizenship;" December 13, "Socrates the

Teacher;" December 20, "Jesus the Teacher."

All teachers and superintendents and others interested in teaching are urged to hear these lectures and those of Rev. William I. Lawrance, which will follow Dr. Starbuck's each Saturday, at eleven. Mr. Lawrance's Lecture-Readings are on "The Prophetic Movement." They will show the relation of Hebrew Prophecy to History through the three great periods. These are the subjects:

October 11, "Outline of Hebrew Prophecy, as related to History;" October 18, "First Period of Written Prophecy: The Fall of Israel. Amos and Hosea"; October 25, "First Period Continued. Isaiah, i to xxxix"; November 1, "First Period Continued. Micah"; November 8, "Second Period of Written Prophecy: The Babylonish Captivity. Jeremiah"; November 15, "Second Period Continued. Ezekiel"; November 22, "Second Period Continued. Obadiah; Lamentations; Psalms"; December 6, "Second Period Continued. Isaiah, xl to lv"; December 13, "Third Period of Written Prophecy: The Restoration of Jerusalem. Haggai; Zechariah, i to viii; Malachi"; December 20, "Third Period Continued. Isaiah, lvi to lxvi; Zechariah, ix to xiv; Joel."

The Saturday morning lectures are free to all, as were similar lectures last year. For Mrs. Spencer's course the small fee of one dollar will be asked, payable at the door. It is hoped that Sunday School workers and social workers will take advantage of these opportunities to hear the words of leaders in these fields of thought. The school opens October 7th, at 9.30, and the public is asked to the devotional service at that hour.

Publication Department

The Publication Department has been busy during the past summer in the preparation of an unusually large number of interesting books. During recent weeks there have come from the press a book by Dr. Calthrop, entitled "The Supreme Reality," and a memorable work by Dr. Dodson, of St. Louis, entitled "Bergson and the Modern Spirit." The first of the two volumes of the works of the Rev. John C. Kimball, entitled "The Romance of Evolution," has just been delivered, and we are expecting in a couple of weeks the companion volume, entitled "The Ethical Aspects of Evolution."

Of special interest to ministers will be the two volumes of the new Ministers' Handbook, which are now on sale. These are the product of a competent committee, which has been working upon the subject for a considerable time, and should form part of the working equipment of every minister.

Within the next two months will appear another book by David Starr Jordan, entitled "America's Conquest of Europe," a book by Sophia Lovejoy, entitled "Self-Training for Motherhood," a memorial volume to the Rev. William Henry Fish, Jr., entitled "The Eternal Presence," and two companion volumes issued under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Relations and the Department of Social and Public Service. These are in form symposiums upon the two subjects of "Freedom and the Churches," comprising ten papers by representatives of as many religious denominations outlining the contributions which their respective communions have made toward the cause of religious freedom in America, and "Social Ideals of a Free Church," containing twelve papers, all by well-known writers on various phases of social service.

About December 1 the Department will issue a volume under the title of "Clear Grit," being hitherto unpub-

lished lectures and papers by Rev. Robert Collyer. This material is being edited by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, of the Church of the Messiah, New York, and will prove of great interest to all friends and admirers of Mr. Collyer, whose 90th birthday would have been celebrated on December 8 of the present year.

All of the above books will be found mentioned on the inside back cover of this month's WORD AND WORK.

The annual report for 1913 and the Year Book for 1913-14 have now come from the printer, and will doubtless have been distributed among the churches by the time WORD AND WORK makes its appearance.

The Publication Department is planning to be represented at the General Conference in Buffalo, October 6 to 9, where its publications, its free tracts, Sunday-school material and other miscellaneous literature will be exhibited in ROOM 120 at the HOTEL LAFAYETTE. It will be possible for visitors at the Conference both to examine and to purchase any of the material on sale and to inspect the tracts and other literature. An INFORMATION BUREAU and REGISTRY will be conducted in this room for the convenience of persons attending the Conference. It is hoped that all visitors to Buffalo will register early, thus enabling their friends to locate them without difficulty while in Buffalo.

All persons are cordially invited to visit Room 120 and make use of its facilities. Miss Jewett and Miss Williams of the headquarters staff in Boston will be in attendance in the A. U. A. room to assist the Publication Agent, and will welcome any opportunities for serving guests of the Conference who may wish to avail themselves of the facilities at their command.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

We are now able to announce that the manuscript for the new book is in the hands of the printer and is about two-thirds set up. Work upon the remainder of the book is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and it is estimated that the type should be ready for the press by the end of November and the completed volumes ready for distribution by the end of December.

The New Hymn and Tune Book will contain 541 hymns, together with a small selection of chants. Of these hymns, 235 are retained from the old Hymn and Tune Book, while of the new hymns added a large number should be familiar to many of our churches which have used other books. There will still be, however, a considerable number of fresh and acceptable hymns. Of the 541, some 30 hymns are adapted especially for children, while 60 more are for use on special occasions, leaving approximately 450 hymns for general use. These hymns are set to 286 tunes, of which 102 are retained from the old book. Of the new tunes, a great proportion are already familiar to many of the churches in our fellowship. The aim of the committee has been to retain the familiar association of hymn and tune wherever strong associations were found to exist.

The editors have sought to compile a book which should be broad and inclusive in spirit—catholic in the true sense of the word—reverent in tone, yet a prophetic expression of the forward-looking, religious idealism of our time. It is believed that the forthcoming volume will provide a more adequate expression of worship in song than any available for our churches.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Another vacation has passed. It is good to get away from the routine of life, and it is also good to return, and again take up the problems we laid aside for a few weeks. We should welcome the problems, for it is the problems of life and their solutions which make the friction which is necessary to keep things moving.

Alliance Branches throughout the country have many similar problems in the larger phases of our work, while each different section of the country has problems peculiar to itself. How to increase the membership and how to sustain the interest and devotion to our cause—this is a problem shared by all. While many of the Branches have in common the financial problem to solve. In the Rocky Mountain section and in the far west as well, where I have recently visited, I have heard the cry—"If we could only increase the interest in our churches." I have heard this same cry in New York and in New England. It seems almost a universal one. This and the financial problem seem the greatest problems we of the Rocky Mountain section and the far west have to meet. Unless is added the difficulty of getting live Unitarianism preached without going off into political socialism or anarchy.

We are confronted with the conditions caused by the ever changing, fluctuating population peculiar to newly settled countries. The people are engaged in the development and exploitation of the natural resources of the country, instead of the human, and this necessitates frequent changes of residence as business conditions change and shift. This is the reason why we may have a flourishing church in a certain city, one year financially independent, calling for help the next year to keep it alive.

One of the most discouraging conditions which we meet with all over the west is the utter lack of interest and church responsibility shown by the many eastern Unitarians who go west and leave their churchgoing habits and responsibilities behind.

Another of our serious difficulties is religious intolerance. For all of our boasted freedom in the west, the orthodox churches, with the exception of those in the largest cities, are most intolerant. This condition can be overcome eventually when the ignorance of the average orthodox person is overcome. To do this needs patient, persistent and aggressive education of the public as to what Unitarianism really stands for.

These are some of the conditions peculiar to the Rocky Mountain section, and I think the greater part of the far western territory can also be included. These conditions no doubt will be outgrown or overcome as the material conditions of the country advance and become more settled and permanent.

We are all confronted with the problem of arousing greater interest in our religious life and work. We need more enthusiasm, more zeal, more of the real missionary spirit which insists upon bestowing upon the stranger the same belief in his re-

ligion which the missionary himself has. We need to believe that our religion is a *vital necessity* to the world. We can arouse this greater interest in ourselves and in strangers by having periodical revivals within ourselves. Let each Alliance member at the beginning of the winter's work ask herself—"What does my religion mean to me? What do I stand for in the religious life of my community? What does my Alliance, my church stand for? Am I doing all I can for my Alliance, my church, my community in the line of religion?"

What individual is so easily reached, so quickly aroused as one's self? Begin there. Quicken and strengthen the religious interest and devotion of one's self first, then to reach the others and quicken them will be an easy undertaking. Presently then, we shall find the whole congregation aroused and taking more interest in the work of the Alliance and the church and soon this interest will pass on to the outsider and we find all giving more consecrated service to the betterment of ourselves and of humanity.

We must never allow ourselves to become discouraged. We must keep our eye on the ultimate goal; we must cultivate "the broader outlook" always. Then the working out of the details of ways and means will become easier. We must remember that we are the advance guard and are not only leading the way for our own members, but are pointing the way for countless others who have the longing, but not the courage, to go forth. We must not grow discouraged because of relatively small members, but must sustain ourselves with the thought of the importance and need of our type of religious faith and realize that every one is needed in this great work.

PERLINA SIZER CASSIDY.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The International Union of Liberal Christian Women met in Paris on July 18, 1913. The Alliance was represented by the Middle States Vice-President, Mrs. William L. Voigt; by one of the New England directors, Miss Elizabeth Marquand, by Mrs. H. W. Weller of Montreal, and by Mrs. Paul Revere Frothingham of Boston. The objects of the Union were proposed and affirmed as follows:—

1. To bring the women of the Liberal Religious movement in all countries into closer co-operation and fellowship.
2. To suggest ways and means by which they may take their part in forwarding Liberal Religion.
3. To collect and disseminate information of interest to women regarding Liberal Religion.
4. The care and protection of foreigners of the liberal faith, especially of the young women.
5. To promote the education of young people in the principles of Liberal Religion.
6. By strengthening a sense of mutual sympathy and understanding to promote the cause of International peace and good will.

Professor Boros of the Hungarian Women's League spoke in strong terms of the need of better protection for Unitarian women emigrating to the U. S. A., especially Hungarians. These people do not unite with the local church and are lost sight of. If the Union could find these people, a great work might be done in saving them to the church.

In adopting Object 5, special recommendation was made to the American delegates to bring this work to the attention of the Alliance Branches, especially in Chicago and Pittsburg, and a supplementary By-Law was passed as follows: *"That this department of the Union's work shall be known as the Guild of Friendship, and each Society in the Union shall be at liberty to carry on its work on behalf of the Guild in accordance with the special*

needs and circumstances of its own country."

Frl. Barth of the Society for Religious Education, Germany, asked for an interchange of literature, especially new books and publications, between the different countries, and the delegates were asked to put this matter before their Societies.

Prof. Boros spoke of the Francis David Memorial Church soon to be built at Deva, near the site of Bishop David's martyrdom, and asked for contributions from the different affiliated Societies, pointing out its special appropriateness in the birthplace of Unitarianism. The suggestion was made that some Society might like to contribute a window or a decorative motto to the building, plans of which were shown.

Miss Herford asked the kindly co-operation of the American Alliance Branches in supplying her with patterns of needlework, especially of children's clothes and novelties, which would be most helpful to the smaller League Societies, in providing them with new ideas for bazaars and sales of work, etc., such patterns to be forwarded to Miss Herford, Essex Hall, Essex Street, London, W. C.

At the General Conference in Buffalo, October 6—9, the Alliance will hold a luncheon at 1.30 on Tuesday, October 7, at the Twentieth Century Club. Miss Bancroft will preside, and there will be informal speaking on the general topic, "What Should the Alliance Strive For?"

On Thursday afternoon there will be an Alliance Conference, presided over by Miss Ida Slade of New York. At this meeting questions of interest to the Branches will be discussed and delegates are requested to bring questions. It is hoped that this meeting will be a real Conference, productive of closer acquaintance and a broader spirit.

At the June Board meeting Miss Bancroft presided. Four vice-presidents, the treasurer, both secretaries, three New Hampshire directors, and fifteen from Massachusetts were present.

Mrs. George R. Dinsmoor has become a life member. The following names have been placed *In Memoriam*: Mrs. S. E. Hills, Mrs. Mary L. P. Crosby, Mrs. Mary F. W. Homer, Miss Ellen E. Armes, Miss Louella Gauld, Mrs. Ruth W. Rogers.

A letter was read telling of the appointment by the A. U. A. of Rev. H. N. Brown and Mrs. C. P. Lombard on a permanent joint committee of the Association, The Alliance, and the Department of Religious Education, to extend and supervise the work of the circulating library. Mrs. Root and Mrs. Coffin represent The Alliance on this joint committee, and the other members are Rev. W. I. Lawrance and Mrs. Clara T. Guild. Miss Everett is librarian.

It was voted that the President should represent the Alliance at the Tuesday morning session of the General Conference in Buffalo, October 7th. Also that the reception on the afternoon of that day should be cared for by The Alliance with the co-operation of the Buffalo branches.

The Executive Board will hold its October meeting in Buffalo, the 10th, this being the out of Boston meeting for the present year.

The thanks of the Board were sent to Miss Low for her gift of a gavel.

Thanks were voted to the Hospitality Committee of Anniversary Week for co-operation in the reception of May 19th.

A History Committee was appointed to supervise the completion of the

history of the Alliance, begun by Mrs. Fifield. Mrs. Davis, Miss Low, Mrs. Peterson constitute the committee.

Mrs. Keezer of Colorado was made chairman of the committee previously appointed to prepare an illustrated lecture of churches and Alliance rooms.

It was voted to send the President to represent The Alliance at the sessions of the Southern Conference to be held in Dallas in March, 1914. This action is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

The Board took a recess that the members might sign the document that legalizes the change of name from the *National Alliance* to *The Alliance*. This was done with the assistance of Percy A. Atherton, Esq., Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Cassidy brought the greetings of Santa Barbara and Salt Lake City.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The Board meeting of September 12th brought together thirty-four members from far and near. The President was in the chair. Four of the vice-presidents were in attendance, from Canada, New England, Southern States East, and Rocky Mountains. Directors were present from each New England State except Vermont, from New York, Washington, D. C., and Nebraska.

Three new lending papers have been added: Jeanne d'Arc and Her Times, French Art in Relation to the Monarchy, The Influence of Theology on the Progress of Medical Science.

The leaflet with five opening services for Alliance meetings will be ready in the near future.

Branches that have printed programs are asked to send copies to headquarters for the sake of others who ask help.

Rev. Wm. S. Key has resigned as minister in the Southern Circuit. This resignation was accepted with regret and with grateful acknowledgement of his unique and valuable services.

Rev. John L. Robinson, who has been in North Carolina since June, has been engaged as regular minister there. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will live at Salem Cottage, Swansboro.

Mr. Cowan and Mr. McHale are continuing their good work.

A tablet in memory of Mrs. Fifield, to be placed in the Shelter Neck Church, was presented by Mrs. Mary Fifield King and received with grateful appreciation by the Board.

Headquarters Committee reported an unusually busy summer at Boston headquarters. A large number of visitors, many from a distance, have been welcomed and have brought interesting news from many parts of the country. The pins have involved much correspondence and labor. Orders could not be filled because the pins had not been received. The annoyance to those who promptly sent in orders is greatly regretted. The clasps are reported superfluous, and members are advised not to order them.

The College Girls Committee reports that the local Boston committee has some excellent boarding places and some rooms in Unitarian families for young people who are in Boston for study or work.

The President and the two Secretaries are the delegates from The Alliance to the General Conference sessions at Buffalo.

An Alliance luncheon, with speaking, will take place on Tuesday, October 7, at 1.30 P. M., at the Twentieth Century Club. Tickets, $1.00 each. The reception to the Conference, under the auspices of The Alliance, will be given at 5 P. M., in the same place. An informal conference of Alliance

workers will occur on Thursday afternoon. The regular Board meeting will be held Friday at 10 A. M.

The new Manual will soon be in the hands of branch officers. Reprints are to be made of the President's greeting and the report of the Corresponding Secretary for general distribution. The western Board members present strongly urged the need of sending definite information about the larger organization and the various branches to be read by local workers, who too often become absorbed in their own interests and forget the wider relations that are of such significance.

Miss Susan A. Smith of Kingston has been elected a Director for Massachusetts.

The meeting was followed by a conference in which was treated the question of making our cause more vital to Alliance women. The greatness of the opportunity before us is a challenge that must be met. It means work, but it is well worth while.

The Recording Secretary will be at Alliance headquarters, at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., Tuesday mornings; at other times by special appointment.

The number of Appeals on the list at the opening of the year's work is thirteen. Seven of these are Appeals of last year, which were not completed when our books closed at the time of the Annual Meeting. The whole amount needed to complete these seven Appeals is considerably less than five hundred dollars.

Four of the Appeals on the list are what may be called the Annual Appeals, viz., those for the two Divinity Schools, the one for Grace Chapel, Green Harbor, and the one for the Joseph Priestly Church in Northumberland, Pennsylvania. These Appeals, appearing year after year, have become so well known to most of our Branches that it seems hardly necessary to say much about them. The money for them is needed this year as in the past.

Two new Appeals are added to the list this year, one for Vancouver, British Columbia, for $500, and one for Edmonton, Alberta, for the same amount.

Both of these churches are heartily recommended to us by Rev. Frank W. Pratt, Field Secretary of the American Unitarian Association for that region.

The movement in Vancouver began nearly four years ago, when a few friends met together with a view to founding a Unitarian church. In 1912 the Association purchased a lot for them and the plan was to build a church costing about $4,000.

In 1912 the congregation had raised $2,000, and the work of swelling the building fund has gone on.

Mrs. Pratt, our Director for Western Canada, visited Vancouver in July and gave an excellent report of the progress made on the church building, and urges that their immediate need be made apparent to the Branches, so that the Appeal may be promptly met. The Appeal money will probably go toward the furnishings.

Mrs. Pratt says: "I want you to know that the cause strikes me as one most worthy of the support which is being given it. The little church is well situated to become a centre of liberal thought, the people are decidedly superior and Vancouver itself is a beautiful city."

The Alliance Branch of the Edmonton church sent an excellent statement of their hopes and plans.

One of their own people had given two fine lots for the site of the church, and it was hoped that the building would be finished this autumn.

A loan was to be made from the

Building Loan Fund of the American Unitarian Association, and the women of the Branch were going to undertake the raising of $1,000, hoping to receive half the amount from the sister branches. Some of the Professors of the University are interested in the undertaking, and new members are constantly being added, and there is much reason for encouragement.

Mr. Pratt says of this church that the movement is promising, the site being in an excellent growing, residential district, near the new Provincial University. Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Davis, recently visited Edmonton and heartily recommends the Appeal.

If all Branches which have heretofore given to Appeals continue to do so, there is little doubt that the work will go on successfully. It is however, very desirable that this missionary work should be entered into by all our Branches. We cordially invite all our Branches to embrace these opportunities offered them for useful service to our cause.

For the Committee on Appeals.
ALICE REYNOLDS KEYES,
Chairman.

Appeals stand thus:

Green Harbor, Mass., Grace Chapel	$400.00
Meadville Students	250.00
Pacific School Students	250.00
Northumberland, Pa., the Joseph Priestley Memorial Church	100.00
Ann Arbor, Mich., for a parish house	46.00
Farmington, Me., for a parsonage	62.00
Flushing, N. Y., for church furnishings	43.00
Memphis, Tenn., for church repairs	85.00
Montego Bay, Jamaica, for a church	79.00
Ridgewood, N. J., for a parsonage	42.00
Summit, N. J., for church furnishings	61.00
Edmonton, Alta, for church furnishings	500.00
Vancouver, B. C., for church furnishings	500.00

The autumn meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held in the Unitarian Church, Fall River, on Thursday, October 16th, beginning at 10.30 A. M.

The morning meeting will be devoted to Alliance interests. Reports from Nantucket and Vineyard Haven will be given. Mrs. W. B. Geoghegan of New Bedford will tell "How Two Societies Were Made One."

The closing address will be by our new Alliance President, Miss Anna M. Bancroft of Hopedale, on "Alliance Work Which Every Member Can Do."

There will be a box luncheon between the morning and afternoon sessions, the hostess Branch serving tea and coffee. In the afternoon Mrs. Claude U. Gilson will give "Impressions of the Buffalo Conference," and the closing address will be given by Rev. Edward Hale of Chestnut Hill.

Our New England Branches are urged to send delegates to this meeting.

The Alliance Branch of the Sudbury church will hold its Annual Fair and dinner on Monday, October 13th. Articles for the fair would be greatly appreciated, as well as a goodly attendance of Alliance members and friends.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

MR. SANFORD BATES, *President*

Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The second regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1913-1914 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, September 9, at 2:30 o'clock.

President Bates presided and there were present: Miss Cline, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Hooper, Mr. McAfee, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Richards, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Schumacher, Miss Simmons, and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the June meeting were read, and approved as read.

The treasurer's report extended from May 1 to September 1.

VOTED: To accept the treasurer's report.

The secretary then read her report for the summer months, which report was accepted.

Miss Cline reported that the work for the fair had been going on slowly but encouragingly during the summer.

The president explained the work as mapped out by the committee on redistricting the country.

VOTED: That the country, for the purpose of supervision, be divided into seventeen districts as recommended by the committee.

The president read the letter that was drawn up and the list of the names of supervisors as appointed.

VOTED: That an Extension Committee of five members, including the president and secretary, be appointed to advise and consult with the secretary, with the idea of stimulating the work of the District Supervisors.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-Large, reported 63 "WORD AND WORK copies with pledge cards for the fair sent in June. This report was accepted.

VOTED: That the president go as our official representative to the General Conference, and, with the sanction of the Board, meet any young people's societies advisable.

The president reported that more young people than ever before attended the Shoals meeting. He spoke on Wednesday, July 9, together with Rev. John H. Wilson of Wilton, N. H. and Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe of Worcester, Mass. He also reported speaking at the Wiers Summer Meetings to a very small audience.

The secretary read the resignation of Miss Mary C. Kinsman of Montclair, N. J. from the Board of Directors.

VOTED: That the resignation of Miss Kinsman be accepted and a substitute be appointed in her place.

VOTED: That the choice of two other delegates to the General Conference be left to the secretary.

VOTED: That the Publication Committee consider the revision of the manual and the bringing down to date of all our publications.

VOTED: To fill the vacancy on the Publication Committee.

Rev. Henry Wilder Foote was present to speak on the continued need of student assistants in the college terms of the Middle West. Rev. H. H. Schumacher added his plea to that of Mr. Foote.

VOTED: That we follow Mr. Foote's recommendation.

Mr. Foote reviewed the fact that the Y. P. R. U. undertook work for the students in Boston last fall; and that this work, though fragmentary, did good, for its direct outcome has been the employment this fall of a student helper in Boston.

VOTED: That a committee of three, including Miss Ruth Lawrence, be appointed by the chair to co-operate with the five Boston churches, and that this committee secure the co-operation of the Boston Federation.

VOTED: To write letters of thanks to Rev. John H. Wilson and Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe for their services at the Shoals Meetings.

VOTED: To adjourn to Tuesday afternoon, October 14.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Pilgrim Federation

The regular meeting of the Pilgrim Federation was held in the vestry of the Unitarian Church in West Bridgewater, Mass., on Monday evening, June 9. The opening service was conducted by Miss Gladys Hunt, the president of the West Bridgewater Union, who welcomed the visiting members. Rev. E. B. Maglathlin, the president, responded in behalf of the federation and presided at the business session.

Reports from the Brockton, Bridgewater and West Bridgewater unions were given.

Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff of Bridgewater gave a short talk on the attitude of distrust toward churches not because of lost faith in sincerity and goodness but of lost faith in the people. People given to good work will always have God to help make the church strong. The difference between Jesus and man was that Jesus was not only a messenger, but was a *part* of his gospel; and if we are to make the vision of God real we must ask ourselves, "Are we a part of our religion by living it?" Mr. Shurtleff expressed the hope that all might go home with the determination to live real religion. Then we would have no trouble in persuading others that religion is a vital thing.

Rev. Mr. Leach of the Methodist Church also spoke a few words, saying that Unitarians and Methodists desire to make the world better, that the world does not care for what I believe or you believe; but what we do. Others present spoke along the same lines—that everyone should show by his life that he is trying to help.

After the usual collection, the meeting closed with a social hour, refreshments being served by the hosts, the members of the West Bridgewater Union.

HATTIE E. CARY, *Secretary.*

Committees for 1913-1914

The following standing committees have been appointed for the season 1913-1914. Anyone having business with these should address the chairman.

Finance Committee.

Chairman, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Miss Emily J. Cline, Dorchester, Mass.

Mr. Donald R. McAfee, Dorchester, Mass.

Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, Cambridge.

Mr. Jos. C. Kiley, Jamestown, N. Y.

Policy Committee.

Chairman, Rev. Dudley H. Farrell, Brockton, Mass.

Miss Emma R. Ross, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rev. Harold G. Arnold, West Roxbury, Mass.

Mr. Henry G. Rogers, Yarmouth, Me.
Rev. H. Houghton Schumacher, Iowa City, Iowa.
Rev. Albert R. Vail, Urbana, Ill.
Miss Caroline S. Burrage, West Newton, Mass.

Publication Committee.

Chairman, Miss Almira E. Simmons, Wollaston, Mass.
Miss Beatrice A. Clark, Dorchester, Mass.
Mr. Frederick S. Dent, Toronto, Canada.
Mr. Arthur Ryder, West Bridgewater, Mass.
Miss Helen F. Schadee, Florence, Mass.
Rev. Harold G. Arnold, West Roxbury, Mass.

Speaking Committee.

Chairman, Miss Grace R. Torr, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Rev. Percy R. Lydon, Windsor, Vt.
Miss Mary Sprague, West Newton, Mass.
Rev. Henry G. Ives, Andover, N. H.
Rev. Oscar B. Hawes, Germantown, Pa.

Nominating Committee.

Chairman, Mr. Fred G. May, Jr., Dorchester, Mass.
Mr. Harold S. Lyon, West Bridgewater, Mass.
Rev. F. R. Sturtevant, Taunton, Mass.
Miss Elsa Waldie, Germantown, Pa.
Miss Harriet C. Stimson, Fitchburg, Mass.

Extension Committee.

Chairman, Mr. J. Harry Hooper, Wollaston, Mass.
Miss Esther K. Davis, Brookline, Mass.
Rev. Henry W. Foote, Cambridge, Mass.
President and Secretary, *ex-officio.*

Names of Absent Students

This season of the year, when our young people are leaving home for college and the business world, is exactly the time to send their names and addresses to the Unitarian headquarters.

There is a branch of the young people's work known as the Union-at-Large that desires knowledge of all such names. The absent young people are then communicated with, and monthly tracts, with the WORD AND WORK, are sent if desired. This keeps the young people in touch with the larger Unitarian work and often helps them not only to find but to strengthen their denominational balance. The chairman of the Union-at-Large is Miss Almira E. Simmons, who will be glad to answer any questions regarding her work and to give further information. Names and addresses may be sent to her at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, as well as to the general secretary, Miss Torr.

It is especially desirable at this time that the names of all our Unitarian students in Boston itself be sent, as a student's reception, similar to what was held last November in one of the Boston Churches, is already in contemplation, and a competent committee has been appointed to take the matter in charge.

One of the direct results of this students' reception last year has been the employment of a student helper at King's Chapel, Boston. The new incumbent is a college graduate of rare personality, who will be peculiarly able to keep close to the study body and to place the work on a working, systematic basis. Miss Lawrence has already made connection with our young people's department and we anticipate much mutual helpfulness and co-operation thereby.

All this is quite in line with what the Young People's Religious Union has been doing for the past three years in its student assistant work for the college town churches of the Middle West. Other denominations now quite generally employ these student helpers, and it seems high time for a large city like Boston to take this step for its Unitarian students.

We look to the ministers, parish assistants and young people's secretaries for these names; indeed, any member of the parish might easily take this duty upon himself. Better to have the work duplicated than not done at all. Let us hope for an unusually large number of names!

The Fair

Plans for the Eighth Biennial Bazaar of the Young People's Religious Union, at Hotel Vendome, November 6, 7 and 8, are already well in hand and the outlook is promising for a successful fair, provided everyone does his share of the work from now on.

The tables are all provided with chairmen and the various minor details have been arranged. The color scheme is to be red and green and a profusion of the seasonable flower, the poinsettia, is to be used in the decorations.

Helpers are desired on the different tables: especially is this need great in the lunch room. Volunteers are asked to send their names and addresses as well as the days they prefer to serve. There will be servings on Thursday and Friday, both at noon time and at night, besides Saturday noon, as an abundance of helpers will be needed right here.

Miss Emily J. Cline, the chairman, will be in Room 11 of the Unitarian headquarters, Boston, Mass., every Wednesday in October, between three and four o'clock, to confer with any who desire to meet her for information or advice. Miss Cline will arrange any other time by special appointment.

Shoals Meeting

More than the usual number of young people attended the meetings the first week at the Isles of Shoals; and on our Young People's Day, Wednesday, July 9, an unusually large number was present. Rev. John H. Wilson of Wilton, N. H., a former director of the Union, conducted the chapel service in a most acceptable manner, while another former director, Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe of Worcester, Mass. made the principal address of the forenoon. The president represented our organization and brought its official greetings to the assembly.

Wiers Meetings

While the young people took the responsibility for no particular period on the program this year, our president, Mr. Bates, made one of the addresses; and several dozen copies of our hymn book, the Jubilate Deo, were in use at these sessions.

The General Conference

On Tuesday, October 7, Mr. Sanford Bates will bring the greetings of the Young People's Religious Union to the forenoon session of the Conference; and on Thursday, October 9, at half past two in the afternoon, in the Universalist Church, Buffalo, another meeting will be held, when Rev. Sydney B. Snow will conduct a devotional service, followed by two or three addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Bates of Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Edwin H. Jewett of Waltham, Mass. are to act as the accredited delegates of the Y. P. R. U.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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Report and Appeal

During the three months since the last issue of Word and Work, but few of our Temperance Tracts have been distributed, as our church work largely ceases in the summer season.

However, since that date, I have given two temperance addresses: One at the Essex Conference in June, on "The Human Problem," and another at The Weirs Meeting in August on "The Temperance Situation." I have prepared the following articles in the line of temperance publicity: three for the Christian Register, three editorials for Zion's Herald, two letters sent to the Boston Herald, an article for "Unity," also an article by request for a special number of Union Signal, which, with this brief statement, make eleven in all, the preparation of which has involved considerable research and correspondence.

We appeal for co-operation along the following lines:

(1) As wide a use as possible of our free tracts by churches, societies, and individuals. It would be a great help to us if ministers would order a quantity of these for the tract rack of the church and also call especial attention to them from the pulpit. We especially commend a little tract, issued last winter, entitled "How to Do It." It briefly describes the things which may easily be done for the great cause of sobriety.

(2) We sincerely hope that our minister will, during these opening weeks of the church year, see fit to present the subject of Temperance from the pulpit in some one of its many important phases. And we trust that the congregation will heartily approve such sermons. Our general indifference to this matter, especially in its new phases of scientific discovery and economic experience, is much to our discredit.

(3) The Alliance Branches may well include Temperance among their programme topics, both for study and for lectures. By request of the Alliance Committee, I prepared last winter a manuscript to be loaned to Branches wishing to consider this subject. Our society will do what it can to provide acceptable speakers for all Branches who make such a request.

(4) The problem of Temperance ought certainly to receive earnest attention in all our Sunday Schools at least once a year, by special service and instructive address.

(5) The members of our Young People's Religious Unions can do nothing better for God and Humanity than to devote one Sunday evening to the consideration of this matter which blights human life more seriously and at more points than any other evil among us.

(6) Let me commend to all who make the programmes of our conferences the vital question of Temperance, which is not at present receiving the attention which it deserves in our public meetings.

Joseph H. Crooker.

Roslindale, Boston.

The Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association

announces the appearance of the following books for Autumn, 1913:

Minister's Handbook

These books are the product of a competent committee of our fellowship, and contain the material which is essential to every minister in the conduct of his work. The arrangement of the services is most modern, while in fullest sympathy with all that has proved best by established usage. The volume of poems presents the choicest selection from a vast field of material, beyond the ability and experience of the individual student to prepare.

Volume I

Contains services for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Funeral and other occasions, such as Joining the Church, The Offertory, The Communion Service and Benedictions.

Volume II

One hundred additional hymns and poems for Funeral services, grouped according to subject, viz., Life and Death; Resignation-Trust; Suffering-Rest; The Personal Life; Childhood-Youth; The Aged; Short Extracts.

Two companion volumes, 4 x 6 inches in size, bound in black morocco, lettered in gold. In the back of both books will be found sufficient blank sheets for the writing in of other material not found on the printed pages.

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In Bergson Dr. Dodson sees the appearance of a new star of the first magnitude in the firmament of thought. The Bergsonian conception of evolution is expounded with a discussion of its necessary implications for ethics and religion. In the divinations of our great modern poets we find a confirmation of the vision of life which the philosopher has strained the resources of the most wonderful prose speech to express.

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By DAVID STARR JORDAN

The purpose of the book is to point out how America must first conquer herself and how then, because of her peculiar inherent fitness for the task and the position which she holds among the nations of the world, she can, if she will, bring about the feeling of true brotherhood among all the powers of the earth.

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By JOHN C. KIMBALL

The author is convinced that evolution is vastly more romantic and beautiful than the fanciful and outworn theories of the past.

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By JOHN C. KIMBALL

A collection of lectures dealing with the relation of evolution to some of the ethical problems which the world has been trying to solve, together with six sermons.

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The Association has in hand the following new books, briefly described below, which will appear in the early fall.

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THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN CHURCHES TO CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By VARIOUS AUTHORS

A series of ten papers by prominent representatives of as many denominations, setting forth succinctly the services rendered by their respective fellowships in promoting the cause of freedom in religion and the political order. The volume, edited by Dr. C. W. Wendte, will be found to be a stimulating and valuable contribution to the history of freedom in America.

115 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.08

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Twelve papers of great interest and value to all students of social problems in their relation to the church. Edited by Elmer S. Forbes, Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service.

A remarkable combination of mature and progressive theory and successful practice. Indispensable for one seeking to keep pace with the best efforts in this great field.

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Clear Grit

By ROBERT COLLYER

The association has in hand the preparation of a volume of sermons, lectures and poems by this great seer, none of which have ever appeared in print.

The material is being collected and edited by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, for years associated with Mr. Collyer at the Church of the Messiah in New York. The book will appear early in December, 1913, which would have been the occasion of Mr. Collyer's 90th birthday.

Self-Training for Motherhood

By SOPHIA LOVEJOY

The volume, written intimately as by an older, experienced friend to a young mother, abounds in delightful suggestions as to the best ways of guiding the young from early childhood to maturer years. The book may well extend its influence beyond the immediate mother in the home to the many mother associations connected with women's clubs, schools and churches.

160 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.09

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